

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) (Parent Case:  
Sunada et al. ) Art Unit: 2854  
Serial No. Unknown ) Examiner: Williams, K.)  
Filed: 10/30/2001 )  
For: INNER PAPER GUIDE FOR )  
MEDIA SHAPE CONTROL IN )  
A PRINTER )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining this case on the merits, kindly  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph appearing at page 1, line 28,  
to page 2, line 5, with the following:

91 --A problem arises in that the trailing edge 12A  
of the picked sheet is unconstrained after leaving  
the pick roller. Because of the stresses applied to  
the picked sheet in the print zone, the unconstrained  
shape of the sheet after leaving the pick roller is  
significantly rotated about the forward pinch  
roller 16. This is illustrated in FIG. 1, in which  
the constrained state prior to leaving the pick  
roller 10 and pinch roller 13 is indicated as sheet  
12 with trailing edge 12A, and the unconstrained state  
is indicated as sheet 12' with trailing edge 12A'.  
This results in a rapid print medium shape change in

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